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SUBJECT: SOVIET REPLY TO HEINEMAN LETTER ON RUDOLPH
HESS

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1. AT JULY 2 BONN GROUP MEETING, FON OFF REP (KASTRUP)
REPORTED SOVIET EMBASSY COUNSELOR KOPTELSEV HAD DELIVER-
ED WHAT GERMANS ASSUME IS SOVIET ANSWER TO PRESIDENT
HEINEMAN'S LETTER ON RUDOLPH HESS (REFS A AND B).
KOPTELSEV HAD MADE AN ORAL DEMARCHE TO BUNDESPRAE-
SIDIALAMT CHIEF SPANGENBERG JUNE 14, ALONG FOLLOWING
LINES.

BEGIN TEXT

IN CONNECTION WITH THE LETTER OF THE FEDERAL PRESIDENT
TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SUPREME SOVIET, HERR PODGORNYY,
THE LATTER HAS AUTHORIZED ME TO STATE THE FOLLOWING:

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A PARDON FOR THE NAZI WAR CRIMINAL RUDOLPH HESS WHO

REPRESENTS A SYMBOL FOR THE GRISLY ACTS AND CRIMES OF NAZISM AND FASCISM THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, AND WHO DURING HIS LONG IMPRISONMENT HAS SHOWN NO REMORSE, WOULD BE MISUNDERSTOOD IN THE ENTIRE DEMOCRATIC WORLD. LIKE IT OR NOT, AN AMNESTY FOR RUDOLPH HESS WOULD SIGNIFY AN AMNESTY FOR NAZISM AND FASCISM. SUCH A PROCESS COULD HARDLY SERVE AS A REMINDER THAT SUCH THINGS MAY NEVER BE REPEATED. MOREOVER, (AN AMNESTY) WOULD SERVE TO ERASE (WHAT HAS BECOME) A CONSTANT WARNING TO THIS EFFECT. THEREFORE, THE SOVIET UNION DOES NOT SEE ITSELF IN A POSITION TO GIVE ITS APPROVAL FOR A PRE-MATURE RELEASE OF RUDOLPH HESS, SINCE THIS WOULD NOT BE UNDERSTOOD BY THE SOVIET PEOPLE OR BY DEMOCRATIC WORLD OPINION.

END TEXT

2. KASTRUP SAID FONOFF EXPECTS TO RECEIVE PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION REGARDING RELEASE OF HESS. HE ASKED IF FRG GOVERNMENT COULD DRAW ON GENERAL SUBSTANCE ALLIED REPLIES IN ANSWERING THESE. PER REF C US REP AGREED. OTHERS SAID THEY WOULD CHECK WITH AUTHORITIES, BUT ANTICIPATED NO OBJECTION.

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